

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph on page 7 beginning with line 1 as follows:

In one embodiment seen in reference Fig. 4a, tip 46 defines an outer tapered surface 56 to guide and align CD 15 that terminates along an upper end with a notch 58. Notch 58 defines a circumferential groove on the exterior of tip 46. An Tip 46 further defines an enlarged barb region 62 that is present along the opposite side of notch 58, barb 62 providing a stop mechanism when the tip is inserted into the hub of a CD. Reference lines "D" represent the diameter of the hub ring 17 of the aligned CD 15 and as illustrated, the diameter of ring 17 is slightly greater than the diameter of notch 58. An upper wall of barb 62 serves as a stop so as to maintain a desired position (Fig. 4b) in which the CD is substantially co-planer with the notch 58. As illustrated, an optional ring 60, such as a resilient "O"-ring, may be placed within the notch and has been found to offer improved performance of the pick. While the preferred embodiment of the tip 46 and tapered surfaces 56 are in reference to circular or conical structures, it is readily understood and appreciated by one having ordinary skill in the art that any geometric shape may be used which conforms to a similar shaped hub portion of a CD 15.